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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: Guest Editorial

Dear Members:

Participation. Involving yourself is the key to 'return' and gratification, whether it be a coin organization, car clout, or tea party. Prior to finding a needed niche in NCNA, yours truly literally made every coin club in the Bay Area. This goes back twenty-five years and involved much travel and time. It was: East Bay, Hayward, Richmond, San Francisco, Pacific, Liberty, Palo Alto, San Jose, Watsonville, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Lockheed just to name a few. Yes, I made them all, and at one time, on a relatively regular basis. As a learning student and dealer, much was to be gleaned in the way of vital information toward the end of emerging with a workable knowledge in coin collecting and dealing. In terms of value--incalculable.

No coin organization is going to search you out, grab you by the scruff of the neck, and show you a fine time. The credit side of the ledger begins to tally when you seek it out and literally throw yourself into it. However, if you are just looking for entertainment try a movie or a singles group. Further, you might add to the above mentioned 'participation' the term 'involvement'. You best match those two with 'education', and if you are the right kind of a nut, it will all add in the end to total real 'entertainment'.

So many mildly interested prospects will ask "Why should I join?". Analogy would be like comparing doing a civic duty on some governmental commission with doing an organizational duty for a coin club. The fun is in the doing.

My gosh, at the last NCNA Board of Directors Meeting, a query as to who would assume the duties of Publicity Coordinator resulted in not one individual present volunteering. For those of you who may not know, a coin show without publicity would be a no show. Yours truly, no darn hero, already with one of the busiest jobs as Bourse Coordinator, volunteered and assumed the duties. Now, where were you? Yes, you the reader.

There are a myriad of other jobs. There is: Exhibits, Awards, Security, Registration, Judging, Forum, and even Show Administrator and the President. Oh yes, in all these jobs you might begin to broach that most interesting delight--coin collecting!

Along the way of performing these jobs, you can fill your bag with certain coins discovered during the Show and Convention. Soon you might have the realization that you can actually expend all that time and effort, which is fun for some of us, and obtain a remuneration.

You might say that those of us who do this 'participation' bit must have a bundle of time to waste. Hah, let me respond. While I know that our current President, Stu Denton, is a busy union executive and that our Editor, Michael S. Turrini, is a full time junior high school

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

With this Ninth Issue, NCNA Heads and Tales has reached its Second Anniversary.

After two years and nine Issues, it is my sincere hope that NCNA Heads and Tales has accomplished something 'to promote and to serve Northern California numismatics'. I humbly believe this periodical has achieved some good for both NCNA members and Northern California coin clubs. However, a full evaluation must be reserved for NCNA Heads and Tales readers and their provocative thoughts.

Therefore, as I requested in the Fifth Issue (April 1982), NCNA Heads and Tales readers are again invited to share their candid and constructive opinions. Your thoughts would be appreciated, as I well know the success or failure of this venture depends much upon your judgements.

Changing to another subject, recently I have been involved in the publicity for a few local Vallejo organizations and have also reviewed and witness the publicity efforts of some other coin clubs, and this has prompted an intense personal interest and study into publicity, especially for a local coin show.

I am not going to summarize or report my ideas and suggestions, since there are far more qualified individuals and sources concerning publicity. However, the following two observations will be stated.

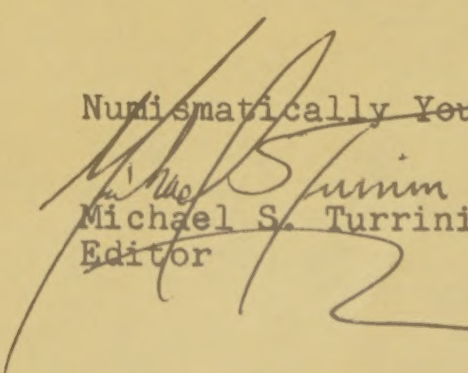
Publicity has two elements that in my recent observations have been lacking or non-existent. These are 'time' and 'work'.

In general, the publicity for two local coin shows, which both will remain anonymous, was good in all respects, except that publicity items were put off, forgotten until the last minute, or done too late--the time factor--and, just as worst and an incessant problem, no one could be found, would volunteer, or take on the extra burden to do the publicity effort--the work factor.

My point is to state strongly and firmly that publicity, whether for a coin club's meetings or its coin show, demands time, especially far in advance, and work, hours of it. True, many are well informed of these two observations. However, to those who are not, start now: think, learn, and organize. Do not postpone, forget, or pass the buck.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1983 Membership Dues

By now, all NCNA members, both Individual and Club, have received their annual dues notice. Dues remain at \$2.00 per year for Individual Membership and \$3.00 per year for Club Membership.

If you have not done so, please remit promptly your dues to Treasurer Ed Sins at "PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA 95150". He will receipt same and mail your updated membership card. If necessary, please update your NCNA records as to current mailing address plus Zip Code.

1983 NCNA Show and Convention

The dates of September 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1983 will be the annual four day run of NCNA's Show and Convention.

NCNA President Stu Denton has appointed: Otis Mills, Exhibits; Bill Morgan, Awards; Denis Hooker, Bourse, and Fred Lutjens, Raffle Tickets. As of this Issue, the positions for Security and Publicity are open and will need to be filled.

There will be another Raffle with a Ten Dollar Gold Eagle as First Prize, a Five Dollar Gold Half Eagle as Second Prize, and three Third Prizes of choice uncirculated silver dollars. There will be no pre-sale of Raffle Tickets through NCNA Heads and Tales, but those desiring Tickets may purchase same at the September Show and Convention or write directly to "Fred Lutjens, Raffle Tickets, 427 Capp, San Francisco, CA 94110".

Otis Mills assisted by NCNA Secretary Elmer Benson will do the Exhibits this year. Potential exhibitors are asked to contact him at "PO Box 1884, Burlingame, CA 94010". Please note that NCNA at its annual Show and Convention has repeatedly awarded some of the finest trophies.

Ron Gillio will also again have an Auction, but details are not known at this time.

Lastly, this year's Show and Convention, as has been in past years, will be held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, corner of Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco.

NCNA Memberships

As a matter of information, NCNA itself is a member of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) number #1144, Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC) number #653, and American Numismatic Association (ANA) number #C44444. President Stu Denton has appointed O. L. Wallis to serve as NCNA's Club Representative to these fellow numismatic organizations.

NCNA Library

Enclosed with this Issue is the latest NCNA Library Listing. This Listing, which is more descriptive than the previous list given in the July 1981, Second Issue, of NCNA Heads and Tales, has been printed separately for ease in use.

The NCNA Library has also for coin club usage the film, 'The Granite Lady', which depicts the Old San Francisco Mint and is an award-winning film.

In addition to coin clubs, this film, by recent NCNA Board of Director's action, will now be available to schools and like educational institutions. Thus, if any NCNA member knows of a teacher or school desiring a film about California numismatic lore and history, please invite them to contact the NCNA Library.

Books and this film may be borrowed from "Dick Smith, NCNA Librarian, PO Box 11182, Palo Alto, CA 94306". Please include your full name and current mailing address with Zip Code.

As part of its services to the numismatic hobby in northern California, NCNA is committed to support and to add to its Library holdings and services. Members are welcomed to send in recommendations to the Librarian for additions to the NCNA Library.

NCNA Coin Show Schedule

Regretfully, the latest 'Coin Show Schedule' is dated February 1983, and several Coin Shows have come and gone. It is added to this Issue for reference and to remind coin clubs having Shows to send in their Show's details well in advance of the actual date.

As has been written before in NCNA Heads and Tales, 'well in advance' means six months to a year, preferably a year. Send details to both NCNA Heads and Tales and 'Coin Show Schedule'.

NCNA Board of Directors Meeting

The next quarterly Meeting for the NCNA Board of Directors will be on May 22, 1983, Sunday, 1:30PM at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, corner of Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco.

All NCNA Club Members are invited and encouraged to send a voting delegate to participate and to contribute to NCNA's management.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Vallejo Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Liberty Numismatic Society
San Francisco Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society

Vallejo Numismatic Society Reports that at its January 5th meeting CHUCK TRAVIS was elected President with MANUEL PUEBLA, Vice-President, RICHARD JOHNSON, Secretary, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Treasurer. AL RENN displayed his German Porcelain Money at the February 2nd meeting, and DENNIS DANIEL, former award-winning club bulletin Editor of the Diablo Die-Break and Past President of the Diablo Numismatic Society, spoke on Jefferson Nickels at the March 2nd meeting. The VNS' April 6th meeting will be the Society's annual 'Hobby Night'. The VNS' big event will be its 11th Annual Vallejo Coin Show on May 1st, Sunday, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo, hours 10:30AM to 5:00PM. The highlights of this one day Coin Show will be VICTOR and RAISA TITOFF's nationally known and award-winning exhibit of Imperial Russian Coins and Medals and Chinese Gold Coinage and a forum on 'Investing in Coins' by GARY COLBY of Larkspur. In addition, there will be a thirty-five dealer Bourse, exhibits, half-hour drawings for silver coins, an all United States Gold Coin Raffle, free coin newspapers and commemorative woods to those attending, and two films.

Fairfield Coin Club At its January 26th meeting elected its 1983 officers: RON KELICHNER, Sr., President; MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Vice-President; NORM NUNES, Treasurer, and JAN HENKE, Secretary. The FCC's big happening was its 10th Anniversary Meeting on March 23rd which featured prominent local stamp hobbyist, RAY COSTA, speaking on 'The Great White Fleet' and special dessert treats donated by those present. This Anniversary was recognized and honored by the City of Fairfield and its Mayor, GARY FALATI, who issued a special proclamation. Congratulations, FCC.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Elected its 1983 officers: JOHN GERAND, President; LEE HENDERSON, Vice-President; HELEN ROBERTS, Treasurer, and SHARRON FORMIN, Secretary. Had GARY COLBY speaking on 'Coin

Investing' at its January 12th meeting, and Past President STEPHEN MARSHALL won the Six-Month Drawing. November 20, 1983 is the date for this year's RECC's Coin Show.

Peninsula Coin Club Meets on the Third Monday of each month at 7:30PM in the upstairs Meeting Room of Great Western Savings, 199 Main, corner of Main and Third Streets, Los Altos.

Cupertino Coin Club Began its 1983 activities with Junior Member, fifteen year old, BILL LITT, talking at its January 7th meeting on United States Paper Money. BILL has collected for just six years, but he is already in the coin dealer business. CCC's Coin Press Editor AL LO commented, "Bill's talk was well researched, very educational, and interestingly presented. It was great to see a junior member present a talk as well as any adult member". The March 4th meeting speaker was YVONNE VORBERG on World Paper Money. The CCC had a very interesting and change-of-pace program: Club members at the February 4th meeting brought their most important or favorite numismatic book or periodical and presented a brief review. DAN SHATTUC, KEN BARR, BILL SCHWARTZ, JIM GLOVER, YVONNE VORBERG, RENATE BRUCK, OWEN HOLLINGSWORTH, and AL LO shared their books or periodicals. This program is worth trying by any coin club. In the January 1983 Coin Press, CCC Vice-President DAN SHATTUC was a 'Profile Subject'; both he and this Editor have a common interest, Duck Stamps, and expensive interest too.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society The western United States oldest and most prestigious numismatic organization elected its 1983 officers: LORI REPPETEAU, President; OSMYN STOUT, Vice-President; DON T. THRALL, Treasurer; LARRY REPPETEAU, Secretary, and Governors, O. L. WALLIS, FRANK STRAZZARINO, ED FULWIDER, and STEPHEN HUSTON. The 1982 Paper Contest winners have been announced: MICHAEL S. TURRINI, First Place Silver Medal, DAVID LANGE, Bronze Medal, and ALBERT K. HALL, Bronze Medal. The February 23th meeting had PETER G. BAKOS speaking on 'Queen Victoria, A Numismatic Genealogy'. PCNS Bulletin Editor LARRY REPPETEAU reported in the January Issue that "In the reign of James I (1603-1625), an act of Parliament was passed to protect manufacturers by forbidding the importation of pins. This act was latter confirmed by Charles I, who received annually from the pinmakers 2,500 Pounds Sterling. He handed this amount over to his wife, Henrietta Marie, for her private purse and thus originated the term 'pin money'". Thanks. This Editor has always been curious about that term.

Liberty Numismatic Society Has elected its 1983 officers: BRIAN KESTNER, President; BILL DAVIS, Vice-President, JOAN CRUMMEY, Recording Secretary, and BILL MORGAN, Treasurer. LNS speakers have been: January 4th meeting, BRIAN KESTNER on Tokens, February 1st meeting, ED FULWIDER on Marines, and March 1st meeting, BILL MORGAN on Somoan Coinage. The LNS in its newsletter has begun printing brief Want Lists for its members. Nice idea.

San Francisco Coin Club Heard MICHAEL S. TURRINI speaking on his

major numismatic interest, the 1949 Newfoundland Canadian Commemorative Dollar, at its January 26th meeting. The February 22nd meeting heard distinguished numismatist LARRY REPPETEAU talking on 'The Bloody Coins of Mexico', and the March 22nd meeting heard GARY HOLOWELL on 'A Train Trip Through Canada'. ROSE HUNTINGTON, long-time SFCC member and activist, has been Acting Editor of the SFCC's newsletter, Two Cents Worth, which is now a bi-monthly issue.

Fremont Coin Club Meets the Second and Fourth Tuesdays evenings of each month at the Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont. Newly installed 1983 FCC President GLENNA HAVERCROFT plans for this year a tour to Sutter's Fort and to the Old SF Mint and plus even a 'Poker Event'. This Editor wonders what that means? The Fremont Police Department presented the 'Home Alert Program' at the FCC's February 8th meeting. CAL WILSON, FCC's 1982 Past President, spoke on Auctions of the Last Century at the March 8th meeting. The March 22nd meeting was designated 'Bring A Friend Night'. The Double Eagle, FCC's newsletter, reports that member CARL HATFIELD had won the raffle's First Prize for three meetings in succession. Not bad.

San Jose Coin Club Began 1983 at its January 19th meeting with a panel discussion on 'Objectives for Collectors at a Crossroads'. This program was "designed to present a series of collector objectives to beginning collectors and to collectors who have fulfilled some of their goals and are looking for new and exciting challenges". Panel participants were: KEN BARR, LARRY BENSON, JOHN FRENCH, JIM GLOVER, MARSHALL MYERS, YVONNE YORBERG, and SHELDON WIRT. Nice creative program for any coin club. The recent SJCC Coin Show exhibit winners were: GLENN JACOB, Best in Show with 'Animal Money of the World', GARY ACQUISTAPACE, RENATE BRUCK, JENNIFER LO, ED SINS, NAOKI KANAYA, MARSHALL MYERS, YVONNE VORBERG, and SHELDON WIRT. At the February 16th meeting, LARRY BENSON spoke on 'How to Exhibit'. 'Other Hobbies' was the program at the Club's March 16th meeting. The SJCC newsletter noted that long-time member and prominent collector, ED SINS, "continues to set endurance records in exhibiting as well as meeting attendance. Ed has exhibited at all fifteen San Jose Coin Shows, all twelve Cupertino Shows, and all twenty-one NCNA conventions as the Jack Tar in San Francisco". Congratulations, MR. SINS.

Gateway Coin Club Reports tragic news that JERE' LEFEVER, Past President, consistent Club supporter, and 'driving force' in the GCC, was killed in the December 15th B-52 crash in Sacramento. As the GCC's Editor noted, "Jere' will be missed by all. He was a valuable asset to friends, family, and country". This Editor extends his sympathy both to the GCC and the Lefever Family. The GCC reports that it has a new mailing address: "PO Box 3024, Merced, CA 95340". This Club's meetings have been active: ANA slide programs, large auctions, Bingo, Other Hobby Night, Bourse Night, and talks by members. The GCC, which meets twice a month, has a program at every meeting, and its auctions are always interesting: "We also had an X-rated coin in a brown paper wrapper. No one under 18 could bid. And it also got a lot of bidding too". This Editor

would like to know what was in that brown bag?

Delta Coin Club Recently elected its 1983 officers: RUBEN SMITH, III, President; BRENT GRIMM, Vice-President; LORIS ENZMINGER, Treasurer; BEE GRIMM, Recording Secretary, and KATHY HIRNING, Corresponding Secretary. President RUBEN SMITH, III, designed a new heading for the DCC's newsletter. The important meetings for DCC members will be the May 13th 'Monte Carlo Night' and the July 8th Annual Picnic. 1982 Past President KATHY HIRNING extended her thanks in the January newsletter to all members who had contributed to a successful year for the DCC, and she ended, "I appreciated all the co-operation, assistance, and guidance that was offered to me. I was very honored to be your president this year. It has been a rewarding experience". This was a nice gesture that might be copied by other coin clubs.

Diablo Numismatic Society Has elected its 1983 officers: DALE BRYANT, President; SAM RUMPH, Vice-President; ED NUSSBAUM, Treasurer, and GLORIA REICHOFF, Secretary. GEORGE TYSON has become the DCC Diablo Die-Break's new Editor, replacing DENNIS DANIEL who has retired briefly from numismatics.

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teacher--a wonder where these two find the time--suffice it to say that this Guest Editorial writer owns and operates three very busy firms in as many different cities, heads up a small business group which has four hundred members, heads up also a group of two hundred thirty-five statewide pawnbrokers, sits on several civic commissions, heads up another business group of forty members, and still finds time to play racquet ball three times a week and tennis on Sunday. Most assuredly, there is plenty of time in this schedule to involve myself in our mutual hobby of numismatics and, most importantly, enjoying the involvement.

If you try it, you might like it! Joining the Northern California Numismatic Association is a good start. Now, jump in and let the participation, involvement, education, and remuneration rain down upon you.

Denis M. Hooker
NCNA First Vice-President

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NUMIA FACTS: Numismatic Knowledge and History

"The first dollar coin struck by the US Mint is dated 1794".

"The Treasury Department has declared that two-headed or two-tailed coins are not illegal".

"Though silver dollars had been produced in abundance since 1840, as a result of being melted, held in bank vaults, or exported, they were virtually unknown to most Americans three decades later".

"The penalties for making or passing counterfeit US currency are not more than \$5000 fine and 15 years in prison or both".

"Copper and the new variety zinc cents are both being minted in 1982, although no zinc cents appear in the proof sets for that year".

"Excluding commemoratives, there are three types of gold dollars. Type II is the rarest and most expensive".

"In 1953 the responsibility of coin distribution was transferred from the Treasurer to the Bureau of the Mint".

--Reprinted from 'Numi-Stats' by Sam Rumph, January 1983 Diablo Die-Break

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